

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014 at 6 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chair Anna Cano Morales opened the meeting at 6:05 PM. Present were Anna Cano Morales, Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Diosa Martinez. Sonia Grace and Carlos Tobon were absent.
- II. Pledge
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of November 26, 2013 was made by Ms. Rosado , seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried (5,0)
- IV. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements -A motion to approve the payment of bills, including those of the building committee, was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado. (5,0)
- V. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements- A motion to approve all personnel actions as listed below was made by Ms. Rosado , seconded by Ms. Martinez (5,0)
Appointments: Kim Natareno, Jonathan Beltram, Laticia Biggerstaff, Tia Tomez.
Resignations Dana Vasconcelos and Michael Brown. Retirements- Maurice Jackson.
- VI. Presentation by Central Falls Administrators: Professional Growth Goals Ms. Tanner, Ms Lynch, Ms Azar each presented their Professional Growth Goals to the Trustees. Questions and comments among the group were asked and answered. The high school administrative team followed. The Trustees were impressed with the scope and depth of the work.
- VII. Central Falls High School Student Council Updates – Mr. LaPlante informed the Trustees about the enormous impact of active student leaders within the school and the city. Mr. LaPlante discussed the public meeting run by students council, the work of the ambassadors, the upcoming work of the city youth council praising the leadership of these students. Soon the students will run circles to uncover the deep questions of the faculty during faculty meetings. All this work is focused on building a deep culture of learning and community.
- VIII. Review of high school graduation Waiver Policy – Following a discussion of the Waiver Policy which took place several months ago, this policy was reviewed and officially adopted without changes by the Trustees. A motion to adopt the policy was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. The discussion followed whereby Ms. Rosado expressed a desire to have more time to review the policy as written by the state. Ms. Gonzalez amended her motion instead to table the vote until the meeting of January 28th. This motion was agreed to by the Trustees. Motion tabled.
- IX. Introduction of Board Community Relations Policy – This policy was presented as a first reading by Ms. Patricia Martinez. A discussion was held. A second reading will take place on January 28th. Any suggestions of the trustees for changes should be sent to Dr. Gallo. Ms. Martinez also presented the flyers and courses for the new and exciting Parent College. All were amazed at the breath of opportunities being offered and the scope of the far reaching goals expressed.
- X. Superintendent Comments: Dr. Gallo praised Ms. Lynch for her leadership and spirit during the planning and execution of the Holiday Express. Over 2100 people were served at Veterans School. Dr. Gallo noted the Science Department's work in

developing videos for the students as a challenging preparation for the upcoming Science NECAP. The Trustees expressed an interest in viewing these videos and lauded the work of the Department and Mr. Upegui. Dr. Gallo also acknowledged the sewer pipe issues at Robertson School. New lines are now in place at a cost of \$50,000. There was a discussion of why the city, who owns the buildings, does not assume the cost. This discussion was left for another day. Finally, Dr. Gallo notified the Board and the public at large that Segue continues to send messages to parents about expansion to a K-12 school. Dr. Gallo said she does not support this move as it would cause unnecessary harm to the CFSD. Having great faith in school choice, Dr. Gallo noted that high school students already have numerous high school options. She supported the Segue Middle School because the middle school families deserved options. The development remains something to watch.

- XI. Board Comment
- XII. Public Comment- Mr. LaPlante spoke about the formation of a Cape Verdean Club organized by Denise DeBarros. The students are a vibrant and growing population in our schools and community.
- XIII. No Executive session was called.
- XIV. Next Scheduled Meeting: January 28, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ell Risk Topic: Skyward, Student Information System update
- XV. Adjournment - At 8:05 PM motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Figueroa, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.